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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of November 2, 2004. From the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of that Action, the undersigned notes that the Preliminary Amendment of November 24, 2003 has not been accepted. This was due to a typographical error in converting claim 8 into independent form. This typographical error is corrected in the accompanying paper entitled "Replacement Preliminary Amendment." Upon entry of this accompanying paper, claim 8 will be the sole remaining claim and therefore the species selection requirement imposed by the November 2, 2004 Office Action will become moot. Examination of claim 8 is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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